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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS FOR SLOWING THE DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF

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